

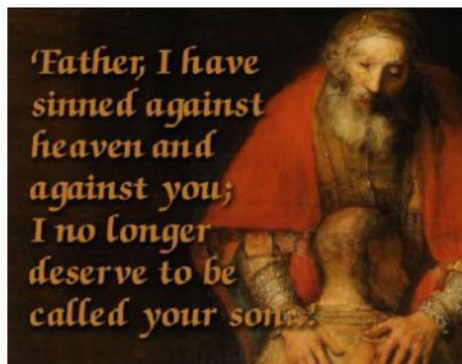
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Sunday, March 30, 2025

Sunday, March 30, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21;

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday, March 31, 2025

Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2&4, 5-6, 11-12a&13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, April 2, 2025 St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, April 3, 2025

Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday, April 4, 2025 St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21&23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, April 5, 2025 St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, April 6, 2025 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 3:8-14;

Jn 8:1-11



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help is held each Monday at 8:30 a.m. at St. Anthony Church and each Tuesday at St. Joseph Church during Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction with Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held at St. Anthony Church on First Friday following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome.



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COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH 22-23, 2025

ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks \$4,620.63
Online (3/17-23/25) \$ 844.00
Total Collected \$5,464.63
Budgeted Weekly Expense \$9,224.51
Net Income [+ or - budgeted expense] ... -\$3,759.88

ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks \$1,066.00
Online (3/17-23/25) \$ 160.00
Total Collected \$1,226.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense \$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or - budgeted expense] . . -\$4,116.00

COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH 15-16, 2025

ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks \$7,191.75
Online (3/10-16/25) \$1,006.00
Total Collected \$8,197.75
Budgeted Weekly Expense \$9,224.51
Net Income [+ or - budgeted expense] ... -\$1,026.76

Seminarian Education \$1,543.00

ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks \$2,306.00
Online (3/10-16/25) \$ 310.00
Total Collected \$2,616.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense \$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or - budgeted expense] . . -\$2,726.00

Seminarian Education \$1,168.00

Maintenance Fund

April 5-6, 2025

A second collection for the Maintenance Fund will be taken up at all masses next weekend. This monthly collection will be dedicated solely for the maintenance, repairs, or upgrades to our church complexes. Please be as generous as your means will allow.



Lenten Confessions

Archdiocesan Lenten Confessions will be available in all parishes on April 2 and 9, 2025 from 5:00 - 6:30 pm.



MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, March 29, 2025

4:00 p.m. – Ehret Fly., Gerald T. LaBorde, Sr., Falterman Fly., Dominic Do, Parents Souls, Grandparents Souls, All the Souls in Purgatory, Minh Dang, Huong Do, Fr. Johann Schimmerl, Roy Allain, Butch Price

Sunday, March 30, 2025

7:30 a.m. – Amy Loup

9:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

11:30 a.m. – **Mass Canceled due to St. Joseph/St. Patrick Parade**

6:30 p.m. – For The Haitian Community

Monday, March 31, 2025

12:10 – Kelly Alfortish

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

6:30 p.m. – Kelly Alfortish

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

12:10 – Terry Lee Shaw

Thursday, April 3, 2025

12:10 – Billy Brunet

Friday, April 4, 2025 (First Friday)

8:00 a.m. – Danjean Fly.

12:10 – Peggy Palmer

6:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross
For All Deceased Parishioners

If you or someone you know in St. Joseph or St. Anthony Parishes is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please notify the office at 504-368-1313 and someone will be in contact with you.



ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, March 29, 2025

5:00 p.m. – Lauren Berg, Lloyd Leaber, Jr.

Sunday, March 30, 2025

10:30 a.m. – Charles Gautreaux, Buddy Kass

Monday, March 31, 2025

8:30 a.m. – That Our Blessed Mother Protect & Guide Our Country & Our Leaders

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Kelly Alfortish

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Lloyd Leaber, Jr.

Thursday, April 3, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Carolyn Calahan

Friday, April 4, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Sylvia Rojas Keys

6:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross (No Mass)

Saturday, April 5, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Kelly Alfortish

5:00 p.m. – James. Rouse

Sunday, April 6, 2025

10:30 a.m. – Phan Nguyen, Heal Us O Lord

Chili Cookoff 2025

Congratulations to Our Winners!

1st Place – Gretna Chillin

2nd Place – BWC Terminals License to Chill

3rd Place – BWC Terminals We Be Cumin

Honorable Mention 2 – GHS Best Chili in History

Honorable Mention 1 – St. Cletus Council 8615

Thank you to all our sponsors, cook teams, event participants, and all of our volunteers.



**SUNDAY AND MONDAY
BINGO'S AT GRETN
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St. Joseph Church as the 3:00pm slots on Sundays and Mondays at the Gretna Bingo Palace. Please come out to play BINGO and support our Church.

Baptismal Seminar

For information regarding Baptismal Seminars, please call the St. Joseph Parish Office or send an email to stjosephgretna@arch-no.org.



Statement regarding Legacy Sunday

"We are deeply grateful for your support. Thank you for your generosity. Please consider a gift to the parish in your will."

Joseph Galloway
Director of Philanthropy & Engagement
Catholic Community Foundation

Arrogance or Forgiveness

When I was young, much like many other teenagers of that time, I believed that I had figured out the world and made decisions that proved to be not the correct course for the rest of my life. I wanted freedom, independence and control.

In Luke's Gospel today we find another young man who wanted the same things, although the way he chose was unheard of in his culture and in his time. It was an extremely hurtful path he had chosen, especially for his father. For a son to ask his father for the things he would inherit was like wishing his father would die. Also, the reaction to such a request in that time, would probably have precipitated the death of the son. It was within the father's power not to honor the wishes of the son. But even if he forced him to stay, he could not force him to accept his love or return it. Now without pointing a finger at anyone, let us take a look at the younger son's journey. Most if not all of us at one time or another have ventured off to find something we did not believe we had at home. It could be a life of independence that we wanted to build for ourselves. Or it could have been to search for the respect that we did not feel in our home environment. Or it could have been something as simple as a desire to find love. Unfortunately, all of our

journeys have not been successful and sometimes our successful journeys have been unfortunate.

Even if you haven't taken a journey like this, one you might know someone who has and maybe, just maybe, you have dreamed of a life apart from the one you were guided into. Under closer examination the younger son at one time has probably lived in each of us.

One of the other characters in the parable, the older son, does not appear to be that complex of an individual. He obviously was not a traveler and was well grounded in his father's ways.

Sometimes people who are focused on duty can lack understanding towards someone who does not have the same focus. For those of us who have that amount of commitment, the older son might seem to be the real center of the story. But he, and possibly all of us, at some time in our lives fail to realize how difficult it is to be undisciplined in a disciplined environment.

Whatever side you fall on, in this example the other side seems different. When a task in our life is easy for us, we can lose sight of how difficult it can be for others and become a bit 'self-righteous. Here in lies the difference between the opinion the father and the older son had of the younger son. The father saw the younger son as lost. The older son saw him as flawed.

Now to the character in the parable that seems to be the reflection of Our Almighty Father. Throughout this parable he departed from the traditional role of an elderly Jewish patriarch.

It would have been very unlikely that he would have liquidated 40% of his assets to give to the younger son so he could leave, but he did. The amount of hurt and humiliation he endured at his son's request should have made him resentful, but it didn't. It was also unheard of for an elderly Jewish man to run for any reason, much less to greet a son that had hurt him so deeply, but he did. Even after all that the son had put him through, he greeted him with open arms, accepted him back before the younger son even had time to apologize, and ordered a celebration.

What better example do we have of the love and forgiveness of God the Father than the father in the story that Jesus told? And not only the love for the older son who did whatever the father wanted, but also the love for the younger son who did whatever he wanted.

I began by telling you a story about a journey which started in my life and followed by a story that Jesus talked about the journey a young man took in his life. But was it really about a journey taken in life or a journey taken through life? We all grow and try to find our own way in life. Then at some time we may become

a little set in our own ways and try to tell others how they should do things. But I hope we all arrive to a point in our lives where we can become the “Prodigal Father” who realizes that everyone needs to find their own way in life and has the gift of free will to pursue it. Then hopefully after our journey through life, we can do as our Heavenly Father and love and forgive others. The younger son was called prodigal because he was reckless with his wealth and gave it away wastefully. I call the father ‘prodigal’ because he also gave away his wealth, his love, and his forgiveness. He did it lavishly with abundance, and unconditionally with the understanding that in the end those are the most important things we really have to give.



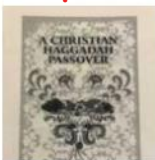
Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce the annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 22, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Church, Metairie. This prayer service will honor couples who are celebrating or have recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. **The celebration is open to couples married in 1975 or before. (To register, please contact your parish office before Thursday, April 10, 2025).** Please Note: The Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration is a prayer service, not a Mass and will not fulfill the couple’s Sunday obligation. Couples should plan to attend Mass at their home parishes.

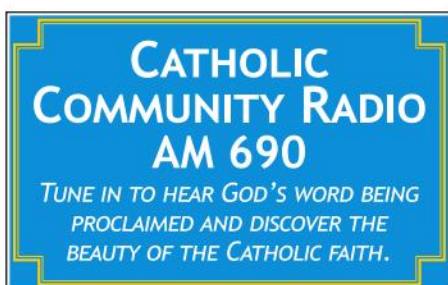
Save the Date!!

Seder Supper - April 14th - 6:30pm

Please join us on Monday, April 14th for our Annual Seder Supper (Pot Luck) in the St. Joseph Auditorium. Lamb and roast provided. Call Val Coles to RSVP (504)432-7618.



Sponsor of the Week



Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims Of Hope

January 1-December 28, 2025

For the **2025 Jubilee Year**, Pope Francis has selected the theme, *Pilgrims of Hope*. It is his desire that this Jubilee year may contribute to restoring a climate of hope and trust around the world and allow for each of us to experience an encounter with Christ through pilgrimage to sacred spaces and in meeting the poor, sick, and vulnerable that we are called to serve.

Designated pilgrimage sites:

St. Louis Cathedral
St. Stephen’s Basilica
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National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
Shrine of the Vietnamese Holy Martyrs
St. Jude Shrine
St. Augustine Church
St. Joseph Abbey – Covington
St. Charles Borromeo – Destrehan
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For more information regarding Jubilee Year 2025, plenary indulgence, etc., visit:

<https://nolacatholic.org/jubilee2025>



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Women's Day of Reflection

Spiritual Poverty & Femininity

with guest speaker:
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Open to Women of All Faiths - Refreshments/Lunch Provided

April 5, 2025

8AM - 3PM

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To register go to:
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or call (504) 368-1313
Register by: April 5th



Our own St. Patrick (Fr. Gary)



Thank you to Hunter Nolen (Jesus) from St Benilde School; Harper Weeks (Mary) from J.B. Martin Middle School; and Joseph Rodrigue (Joseph) from Visitation of Our Lady School for being our Holy Family for our St Joseph Altar 2025.



Archbishop Aymond celebrating Mass for the Feast of St. Joseph



Archbishop Aymond blessing the Altar



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